

ABSTRACT

A modeless electronic imaging apparatus, such as a digital still camera, uses a touch-sensitive shutter button to automatically display "live" images from an image sensor whenever a user touches the shutter button. When the user is not touching the shutter button, the apparatus displays stored image data of the last stored image, or may display menu data according to actuation of system navigation buttons. The apparatus does not require the switching of modes between image capture mode and stored image display mode, but is always capable of image capture as well as stored image display.